

SPRING 2019

Mansfield University Department of Music

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MU Presents Meredith Willson's THE MUSIC MAN, where fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall. By turns funny, warm, romantic, and touching, the MUSIC MAN is a story to be shared with every generation. Meredith Willson's six-time Tony Award winning musical comedy has been entertaining audiences for over fifty years with such beloved songs such as "Goodnight My Someone", "Seventy-Six Trombones", and "Till There Was You".

The Mansfield University cast includes Seth Shields (freshman, music education) as Harold Hill, Lilia Lopez (sophomore, vocal performance) as Marian, Robbie Flora (senior, music education) as Marcellus, and Emily Little (sophomore, music education) as Mrs. Paroo. Ian Brennan (senior, Music Technology), Tom McCutcheon (sophomore, vocal performance), Jay Falgo (freshman, music education) and John McDevitt (freshman, nursing) are the school board members turned barbershop quartet, Matt Merolla (freshman, vocal performance) and Tatyana Valentin (sophomore, business) will play Mayor Shinn and his wife Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn.

Meredith Willson's THE MUSIC MAN

The production will be directed by both MU music professor Sheryl Monklien and MU Alum Peter Davis. Students Megan George and Maddie Anthony will choreograph the show and Davis will serve as technical director.

Production dates are **February 21, 22, 23 at 7:30 pm** and **February 24 at 2:30 pm**. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$12 for seniors/students, children (12 and under) \$6, and MU students are FREE with ID. We hope to see you there!

BAND NEWS

Symphonic Band, Spring 2019

The MU Symphonic Band (MUSB) will have a busy Spring 2019 semester. The band will participate in the annual MU Conducting Symposium on **February 15-16**, serving as one of the symposium session ensembles and performing on the Student Conducted Concert on the 16th at 7:30 pm. On **Saturday, April 27**, the MUSB will share the stage with the Mountaineer Brass Band and the Corning Area Community Concert Band. Each band will play a set of pieces on their own, followed by the CACCB and MUSB joining forces to perform Frank Losey's (1890s MU alum) March: Gloria, a Music Man medley, Salvation is Created, and a new Bollywood-inspired piece by Brian Balmages, Homage to Bharat.

Mountaineer Brass Band

The MU Mountaineer Brass Band (MBB) enjoyed a busy fall 2018 semester. On October 6, the band video-recorded seven pieces at the WSKG Studio in Binghamton, NY, for a holiday program that aired multiple times between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The band looked particularly festive in their red blazers, and premiered their new stand banners.

On November 10, the MBB returned to the VA Hospital Auditorium in Bath, NY, for their annual Veterans Day Concert. This year the band added 11 woodwind players to the ensemble to recreate a WWI-style military band to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the end of the Great War. The full band performed a variety of marches and a salute to all branches of the U.S. armed forces. Chamber ensembles, made up of band

members, also performed a number of WWI-era popular tunes – woodwind quintet, saxophone quartet, brass quintet, percussion ensemble, and even a barbershop quartet. This military-style ensemble was so well received that we will probably return to this for the Veterans Day Concert each year.

Finally, the MBB served the university on December 15th at the Commencement Ceremony in Decker Gym.

Trailblazer Brass Band

The Trailblazer Brass Band (TBB) is a new youth brass band sponsored by the Mountaineer Brass Band. This ensemble is intended to give youth brass and percussion students (ages 14-19) in the region an opportunity to explore the world of brass banding. The group started in November 2018 with a series of four rehearsals and an inaugural concert on December 14th. Members of the university's Mountaineer Brass Band rehearsed and performed side-by-side with the nine youth who made up this "founding band."

The TBB will resume activities on **March 18, 2019**, with **6:30-8:00 pm** rehearsals each Monday evening. The spring concert with the Mountaineer Brass Band will take place in Steadman Theater on **Friday, May 3rd, 7:30 pm**. Youth brass and percussion are encouraged to take part in this ensemble. We hope to offer opportunities for private lessons, master classes, and workshops, in addition to the weekly rehearsals. Interested youth band members and parents can contact Dr. Nathan Rinnert directly for information, or to register.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Eun-Joo Kwak's performance CD of Préludes Book II by Claude Debussy was released in December 2018, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the composer's death. In June, Dr. Kwak judged the Music Association of Korea International Piano Competition in South Korea. In May, she presented masterclasses at Kaywon High School of Arts, Gimcheon High School of Arts, and Sunhwa Arts School, also in South Korea.

Richard Kemper, age 88 of Mt. Lebanon, PA formerly of Mansfield, PA passed away on January 2, 2019. Beloved husband for 65 years to Marjorie, loving father of Rebecca (Blase) Scarnati of Flagstaff, AZ and Barbara (Jim) Hois of Mt. Lebanon, PA; proud grandfather of Elizabeth Scarnati, and Jeremy, Jason and Kelly Hois. Born in Evansville, IN, he graduated from University of Evansville, served in the Army as bassoonist with the US Army Band and 7th Army Symphony and taught instrumental music in Dubois County, IN. He was the oboe and bassoon professor at Mansfield State College (University) for 24 years while performing with the Corning, Elmira, and Williamsport Orchestras. He is beloved as a mentor to many students. As a homeowner at Chautauqua Institution, it was his summer home, family/friends gathering place, and chamber music venue for three decades. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Richard Kemper/Kurt Hider Double Reed Scholarship at Mansfield Foundation, 71 S. Main, Mansfield, PA 16933, give.mansfieldfoundation.org.

Alissa Rose has attended two workshops recently meant to improve her understanding of the singing voice and vocal pedagogy, the Singing Voice Science and Pedagogy Workshop at Montclair State University in June, and the David Jones Teacher Mentoring Seminar in New York City in January. The two workshops present two opposite approaches to how we're thinking about teaching voice these days, from the highly scientific to the completely traditional. Dr. Rose has been enjoying learning new things in both and is working on using all of this new knowledge in her teaching.

ENSEMBLE NEWS

The MU Vocal Jazz Festival will feature guest artist and clinician Peter Eldridge on April 25, 2019. This will be Eldridge's fourth visit to MU with three solo appearances and one with the New York Voices. Area high school vocal jazz ensembles will participate in performances and clinics during the day. The evening concert will feature the Mansfieldians and Peter Eldridge. The Mansfieldians have been busy the past couple of years performing at the New York City Jazz Festival at the Apollo Theatre in spring 2018, premiering a work by MU Alum Doug Andrews with a saxophone quartet at MU in October, 2018 and presenting their annual fall concert with the MU Jazz Ensemble. We are looking forward to working with Mr. Eldridge again during the Vocal Jazz Festival this April.



The Mansfieldians on stage at the Apollo Theatre

STUDIO NEWS

A group of voice students from Mansfield went to the Allegheny Mountain Chapter of the National Association of Teaching of Singing student auditions November 3 at York College. A total of approximately 150 students from around Pennsylvania competed in categories ranging from high school to graduate school. Eighteen students from Mansfield competed. Each of the students studies voice with either **Dr. Youngsuk Kim** or **Dr. Alissa Rose**. The top three winners in each category were featured in a final concert at the end of the auditions. All students received comment sheets from the judges, who were voice teachers and NATS members. These auditions are a great opportunity for the students to get feedback about their singing, hear other students from around the area, and be exposed to a wide variety of repertoire. NATS is the largest association of teachers of singing in the world, with members in more than twenty-five countries, and the student auditions are one of the major activities of each NATS chapter.

WINNERS:

Ernest Falgo (First Year College Men)
Seth Shields (First Year College Men)
Michael Deshield (Second Year College Men)
Jessica Nistad (Second Year College Women)
Shannon Pizzirusso (Third Year College Women)
Cassie Zinkan (Fourth/Fifth Year College Women)
Jake Foil-Charles (Fourth/Fifth Year College Women)

SEMI-FINALISTS:

Madison Felpel (First Year College Women)
Skylar Marcen (First Year College Women)
Natalie Holsey (First Year College Women)
Deanna Mogianesi (Second Year College Women)
Megan George (Third Year College Women)

2018 NATS Competition at
ITHACA COLLEGE
Central New York Finger Lakes Region
ALL STUDENTS OF TODD RANNEY

WINNER:

Matthew Merola (First Place in Freshman - Men)

SEMI-FINALISTS:

Jack Tobey
Adam Price
Jessica Neidinger
Robert Flora

Choral Cues . . .

by Peggy Dettwiler



I am looking forward to working with our Mansfield University singers again this semester in the presentation of some works that have withstood the test of time as far back as the 12th century and yet still speak to us today! Our programs will also include the usual variety in styles and moods.

On Thursday, March 28, the 16-voice **Chamber Singers** will entertain you with a concert about animals and with some animals! "All Creatures Great and Small" will feature a number of madrigals from the Renaissance period as well as 20th-century works that will make you smile: examples to include "Prayer of the Cat, Dog Bone Blues, The Little White Hen, Therzacat Boogie, Woodpecker, and Old Horatius Had a Farm," among others. We are partnering with Second Chance Animal Sanctuary, who will have some adoptable pets in the lobby before the performance!

The **Concert Choir** will take a tour to Ephrata, PA, to sing in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. James Kimmel, esteemed Mansfield alum and educator, is setting everything up for us to perform on Sunday, March 31 at 4 pm!

Our college-community **Festival Chorus** singers will present their annual major works performances on Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 14 at 2:30. The chorus will prepare *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi and *Jazz Gloria* by Rob Landes. Vivaldi's *Gloria*, sung in Latin, was composed around 1725 for mixed chorus with trumpet, oboe, strings, and keyboard accompaniment. The *Jazz Gloria*, composed by Landes in 1994, will be sung in English and features piano, bass, and drums. They will offer a great contrast between settings of the same text.

The final performance of the semester is the **Concert Choir** Home Tour Concert on Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 pm. Composers of their selections include Schütz, Hildegard, Esenvalds, and Guastavino. We will also be honored to premiere a work by MU alum, Brian Story, entitled "To The Ever-New Dawn." He took one of my favorite poems, "Look to this Day," and created a lush setting for mixed voices and piano. A hilarious setting of "Waltzing Matilda" and a country song, "Let the River Run," will round out the program.

Symphony News

The Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra, **Dr. Jeffrey R Jacobsen**, Artistic Director/Conductor will host the 2nd Annual Beethoven Orchestra Reunion Concert on **Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 2:30 PM** in Steadman Theatre. All previous MU orchestra members are invited and encouraged to attend. This year's performance will begin with the *Egmont Overture* and end with *Symphony No. 2 in D, Op. 36*. Parts are available by emailing Dr. Jacobsen (jjacobse@mansfield.edu). The instrumentation is pairs

of flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, trumpets, four horns, timpani and strings. The players will be doubled, tripled, quadrupled where necessary. The more the merrier! Arrangements for housing on campus are underway and more information will be available as that solidifies. Rehearsal prior to the concert on Sunday will be at 10:30 AM (two hours earlier than typical) which will give us time to balance the ensemble and make sense of all tempo variations. Contact Dr. Jacobsen for more information.



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2019 SPRING DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC *Calendar of Events*

See more at music.mansfield.edu

JANUARY

- 19 11 AM Music Department Auditions
20 2 PM Concert Choir @ Carnegie Hall, NYC \$
26 9 AM TTOSA Workshop

FEBRUARY

- 3 7:30 PM MU Jazz Ensemble Concert
16 7:30 PM Student Conductors Concert
17 1 PM MU Saxophone Studio Recital, Butler 163
17 2:30 PM Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra
18 11 AM Music Department Auditions (President's Day)
21-23 7:30 PM The Music Man \$
24 2:30 PM The Music Man \$

MARCH

- 15 7:30 PM MU Jazz Ensemble Concert
16 11 AM Music Department Auditions
16 7:30 PM Guest Artists, Journey West
23 12 PM Mykalia Reiter Senior Voice Recital
23 3 PM Dr. Kwak Recital (Piano)
28 7:30 PM Chamber Singers Concert about Animals
29 7:30 PM Joe Murphy/Matt Slotkin, Duo Montagnard

MARCH *continued*

- 30 3 PM New Music Festival Concert
30 7:30 PM New Music Festival Concert
31 4 PM Concert Choir @ Holy Trinity Lutheran, Ephrata, PA
- APRIL**
- 7 7:30 PM Concert Wind Ensemble Concert
13 7:30 PM Festival Chorus: Vivaldi Gloria & Landes Jazz Gloria
14 2:30 PM Festival Chorus: Vivaldi Gloria & Landes Jazz Gloria
20 1 PM Piano Studio Recital
22 7:30 PM Student Composers' Recital
25 ALL DAY Vocal Jazz Festival with Peter Eldridge
25 7:30 PM Vocal Jazz Festival Concert
26 ALL DAY Jazz Band Festival
26 7:30 PM Jazz Band Festival Concert
27 11 AM String Project Recital
27 2:30 PM Symphonic Band Concert
27 2:30 PM Symphonic Band & Corning Community Band Concert
27 7:30 PM Concert Choir Concert
28 2:30 PM MU Symphony Orchestra, Student Solo Concert
- MAY**
- 3 7:30 PM Mountaineer & Trailblazer Brass Bands Concert
\$ paid event

We love to hear from our Alumni Please take a few minutes to keep us current with any change of name, address, and email.

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